DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

The Stadium Group, LLC, t/a Stadium Show Cause 2127 Queens Chapel Road NE Hearing License No. 82005 (Status)

Retailer CN - ANC 5C

Case Nos.: 13-251-00072, 12-251-00316, 12-251-00316(a), and 12-CMP-00680

Wednesday
February 5, 2014

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Chairperson Ruthanne Miller presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member DONALD BROOKS, Member HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN, Member JAMES SHORT, Member HERMAN JONES, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Louise Phillips, OAG Karen Todd, The Stadium Group

Neal R. Gross and Co., Inc. 202-234-4433

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	(10:13 a.m.)
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, then we
4	will go
5	(Off the record comments)
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right,
7	we're moving then into our show cause status
8	cases, which involve The Stadium Group. I'm
9	going to call cases individually, but as I
10	understand, they'll be the same parties. So
11	the first case is Case Number 12-CMP-00680.
12	MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips,
13	Assistant Attorney General for the District of
14	Columbia.
15	MS. TODD: Good morning. Karen
16	Todd, representing The Stadium Group.
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, so this
18	is for The Stadium located at 2127 Queens
19	Chapel Road NE, License Number 82005 in ANC
20	5C. Do you have any preliminary matters?
21	MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, Madame Chair,
22	I was hoping that we could take them

Page 3 1 individually, but we could take them in reverse order, starting with 13, just a 2 minute, 251-00072, mainly because of some of 3 the, since the matters hadn't, 72 was actually 4 the first one tried. 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, okay. 6 MS. PHILLIPS: And so some of the 7 things were the outcome of that hearing are 8 relevant to the other two, even though they 9 10 are older cases. And so if the Board would 11 reverse the order in which they call it, just so I can --12 13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 14 MS. PHILLIPS: -- keep organized, I'd appreciate it. 15 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, I don't 17 see an issue with that. 18 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Madame Chair. 19 20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So I'm 21 going to call first, Case Number 13-251-00072. 22 MS. PHILLIPS: Good morning,

Page 4 1 again. Louise Phillips, Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia. 2 3 MS. TODD: Karen Todd, attorney representative for The Stadium Group, LLC. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 5 MS. PHILLIPS: This matter came 6 before the Board previously on a Summary 7 Suspension Hearing in which a settlement 8 9 occurred. 10 My understanding is there was also 11 a little bit of informal testimony by two parties by the establishment. As a result, of 12 13 the settlement of that summary suspension, 14 there were apparently agreed upon a great many changes to the security plan and the security 15 16 policies and procedures. 17 That's all a matter of public record, so we don't need to go into them now. 18 So this is the status for the notice for show 19 20 cause now. And we have an offer and 21 22 compromise to present to the Board, making no

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1	changes in the security plans and security
2	procedures that were a part of the settlement
3	of the suspension and recommend that the
4	Charges 3 and 4 are dropped and have a fine of
5	\$6,000 to be, paid in
6	(Off the record comments)
7	MS. PHILLIPS: a month, 30
8	days. Part of the reason that the two charges
9	were dropped was that Ms. Todd and I have been
10	speaking on many occasions and continuing to
11	exchange discovery and information that was
12	not subject to the investigation. And that's
13	the reason for the dropping of Charge 3 and 5,
14	for the purposes of this offer and compromise.
15	(Off the record comments)
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You mean, 3
17	and 4?
18	MS. PHILLIPS: 3
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 3 and 5?
20	MS. PHILLIPS: and 4.
21	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 3 and 4,
22	right.

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1	MS. PHILLIPS: 3 and 4.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
3	MS. PHILLIPS: Did I say 5, yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I thought you
5	just said 5.
6	MS. PHILLIPS: Sorry.
7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
8	(Off the record comments)
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is there
10	anything else, either of you are speaking to
11	with respect to that offer and compromise, or
12	is that it?
13	(Off the record comments)
14	MS. PHILLIPS: No, Madame Chair.
15	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I'm sorry?
16	MS. PHILLIPS: No, Madame Chair.
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
18	MS. TODD: I just concur with
19	everything she said. My client is going to
20	agree to the Charges 3 and 4 being dropped and
21	paying the fines incurred by those existing
22	charges

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
2	MS. TODD: 1, 2, and 5.
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any questions
4	by Board Members on that offer and compromise?
5	No? Okay. No?
6	(Off the record comments)
7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I think we'll
8	proceed
9	(Off the record comments)
10	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, we want
11	to hear the next one and we will most likely
12	adjourn afterwards to consider each one,
13	individually, but for efficiency sake, we
14	would like to hear them and then
15	MS. PHILLIPS: Adjourn once.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: adjourn
17	once instead of back and forth. Okay.
18	MS. PHILLIPS: Right, the
19	Government would like to move on to 12-251-316
20	and 316(a).
21	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is there aq
22	CMP Number with that?

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1	MS. PHILLIPS: No.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
3	MS. PHILLIPS: I just have 12-251-
4	31, no, 316 and 316(a).
5	(Off the record comments)
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
7	Okay, I didn't have that before me, now I do.
8	Okay.
9	MS. PHILLIPS: I'm sorry.
10	(Off the record comments)
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, I think
12	we have at least a couple of copies before us
13	to know which case you're talking about.
14	Okay.
15	MS. PHILLIPS: May I proceed,
16	Madame Chair?
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, please.
18	MS. PHILLIPS: This matter has
19	come before the Board previously with an offer
20	and compromise, but we were unable to go
21	forward because some facts came up, i.e. the
22	investigator left the agency and we couldn't

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1	find the videotape.
2	But despite all that, Ms. Todd and
3	I have an offer and compromise to present to
4	the Board, which consist of dropping the
5	Charge 1, but not the factual recitation
6	therein, and proceeding forward on the
7	security plan violation, which because of the
8	changes made, as a result of the summary
9	suspension which was tried first, has no
10	changes to the security plan and only a fine
11	of \$2,000.
12	(Off the record comments)
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
14	MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay.
15	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any
16	questions?
17	MR. SILVERSTEIN: Just this
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, Ms.
19	Todd, did you want to say something?
20	MS. TODD: No, we concur with that
21	assessment, as well.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

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1	MR. SILVERSTEIN: So the payment
2	and the time frame is?
3	MS. PHILLIPS: Still 30 days,
4	correct.
5	MR. SILVERSTEIN: \$2K 30 days?
6	MS. PHILLIPS: Thirty days.
7	(Off the record comments)
8	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Phillips,
9	was it 30 days for the previous case, too?
10	MS. PHILLIPS: Indeed it was,
11	Madame Chair.
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All
13	right, I guess, we can go to the next case, I
14	don't hear any questions here. Okay.
15	MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Madame
16	Chair, this case is the original case called
17	12-CMP-680. This is a matter that has had one
18	full day of hearing. Actually, it wasn't a
19	whole day, I don't think.
20	And as I recall, the District's
21	witness was called and one of the
22	establishment's witness was called out of

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Ms. Todd and I have continued to exchange information and evidence and as a result of all of that and the negotiations that we have had from that date to this, we have an offer and compromise to present to the Board.

The parties recommend dropping

Charge 4 and settling for a fine of \$6,000,

recognizing that there were a great number of

changes in the security plan for the

establishment and changes in their policies

and procedures for security, which were issues

in all three of these cases.

MEMBER JONES: Martha, do they have the charging document for 72?

17 (Off the record comments)

MEMBER JONES: Okay.

MS. PHILLIPS: I'm sorry?

20 MEMBER JONES: I was looking for

21 the charging document for 72, I don't have it.

MS. TODD: And the Applicant

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1	concurs with the Government.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are there
3	Board questions?
4	MEMBER ALBERTI: Can we get a
5	breakdown
6	MS. PHILLIPS: Sure.
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: of the
8	charges?
9	MS. PHILLIPS: I'm sorry. I
10	thought, a break, we need a break? A
11	breakdown. Yes, Mr. Alberti, I have a
12	breakdown. That would be, \$2,000 for Charge
13	1.
14	MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you.
15	(Off the record comments)
16	MS. PHILLIPS: Five Hundred
17	Dollars for Charge 2, \$500 for Charge 3, and
18	\$1,000 each for Charges 5 through 7, which are
19	charged as primary under the statute.
20	(Off the record comments)
21	MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I haven't had

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1	much time to really analyze the penalties here
2	yet, but are they on the lower end, would you
3	say, of the penalty range, or where are they
4	in the penalty range?
5	MS. PHILLIPS: I think they're
6	right where they should be, considering that
7	this was the first case and all of these
8	cases, all of these charges, though there were
9	a lot of them in this notice, all came on the
LO	same day, which is something the Board and the
L1	Agency considers when analyzing these cases.
L2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You said this
L3	is the first case?
L 4	MS. PHILLIPS: This is the first
L5	case in this series of cases.
L6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
L7	MS. PHILLIPS: This is not the
L8	first case in the investigative history.
L9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
20	MEMBER JONES: I believe this is
21	case 680?
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I don't know

Page 14 1 what, I think so, yes. MS. PHILLIPS: This is case 680. 2 3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. MS. PHILLIPS: I always use 4 Zero. the last three numbers. 5 (Off the record comments) 6 Madame Chair. 7 MS. PHILLIPS: CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 8 Yes? 9 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Jones seems to 10 have a question. 11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, Mr. Thank you very much. 12 Jones. 13 MEMBER JONES: Thank you, Ms. Phillips. How, if at all, did you use their 14 adjudicative history in arriving at the values 15 16 determined for the OIC that you presented? 17 MS. PHILLIPS: Usually, I consult 18 with agency and we both look at the investigative history. This investigative 19 20 history looks rather long in print, but if you go through it carefully, you will notice that 21 there's no further action on the vast majority 22

1 of them.

And then, we also look at the fine ranges that are presented in the investigative history, when we're looking at them.

MEMBER JONES: Okay, so --

MS. PHILLIPS: For example, the one I see that sticks right out in my head, is Number 7 on my investigative history, which says there was a citation for \$250.

MEMBER JONES: Okay. So to ask my question more succinctly, do you see that they had any adjudicated primary tiers or secondary tiers on their history that would be, applicable for the adjudication of the OIC that you presented and if so, to what count would they be? Was there one secondary and one primary, two secondaries, one primary, based on your account in arriving at the values you determined, did you make that assessment? And if no, that's fine, as well.

MS. PHILLIPS: I probably did make that assessment, but at this time I don't know

under oath, as you all know, the establishment made certain representations as to what they were going to do to security purposes and how they were going to make changes. Board allowed them not to go forward to sh ow cause because of the promises they made in the fact finding. For whatever reason, I wasn't there, I don't know why, but it's clear in the transcripts of those matters. The District used those affirmations that the establishment made to build a case to get beyond the rumors case, which you need to show a pattern, I call it pattern and practice that's not what they call it, but it's a pattern and practice of violations or issues that have been presented to the Board that the Board has relied upon the statements of the establishment that they were going to do better in certain areas to build the case for 680 and then I believe 316, though I'm not sure, but specifically for 680. So that is perhaps more what was used in the evaluation than the investigative history

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1 here. Because a lot of the cases that the

2 District felt were significant, because of the

3 | fact finding hearings, were reported on the

4 investigative history as no further action.

5 So and I think we went into all of this on

6 opening, on the first day of hearing on 680.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank

8 you. Okay, are there other questions? Okay,

9 | well I the Board has got to take a little look

10 at this.

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So I think we're going to try to do that now and adjourn to assess these offer in compromises. So I'll read the instructions for that and we'll see if we can do that

within a reasonable amount of time, to venture

back and continue the rest of the morning's

17 hearing.

MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, so as

20 Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control

21 Board for the District of Columbia and in

22 accordance with Section 404 of the Open

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1	Meetings Amendment Act of 2010.
2	I move that the ABC Board hold a
3	closed meeting for the purpose of seeking
4	legal advice from our counsel on Case Numbers
5	12-CMP-00680, 12-251-00316 and 12-251-00316(a)
6	and 13-251-00072, the Stadium.
7	Per Section 405(b)(4) of the Open
8	Meetings Amendment Act of 2010 and
9	deliberating upon the OIC in these cases for
10	the reasons cited of Section 405(b)(13) Open
11	Meetings Amendment Act of 2010. Is there a
12	second?
13	MEMBER BROOKS: Second.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Brooks
15	seconded the motion. I'll take a roll call
16	vote, Mr. Brooks?
17	MEMBER BROOKS: I agree.
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Alberti?
19	MEMBER ALBERTI: I agree.
20	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr.
21	Rodriguez?
22	MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I agree.

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Miller
2	agrees. Mr. Silverstein?
3	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I agree.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Short?
5	MEMBER SHORT: I agree.
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Jones?
7	MEMBER JONES: I agree.
8	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, it
9	appears that the motion has passed by a 7-0-0
10	vote. I hereby give notice that the ABC Board
11	will now recess and conduct our meeting in the
12	ABC board conference room.
13	(Whereupon, the foregoing matter
14	went off the record at 10:32 a.m. and went
15	back on the record at 11:17 a.m.)
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, the
17	Board is now back on the record now having
18	adjourned an executive session to consider
19	three OICs for three cases concerning The
20	Stadium.
21	And we are going to vote on each
22	OIC for each case individually. And the first

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1	OIC that I would like to put forth for a
2	motion concerns Case Number 12-251-316 and 12-
3	251-316(a).
4	There is a proposed offer and
5	compromise of \$2,000 to be paid within 30 days
6	and this would be a \$2,000 fine for Charge 2
7	and Charge 1 would be dropped. And I move
8	that we approve this offer and compromise. Do
9	I have a second?
10	MEMBER BROOKS: Second.
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Brooks
12	has seconded the motion, does anybody whish to
13	speak to the offer and compromise? Okay.
14	Okay, let's just, I'll say that this appears
15	to be a reasonable offer and compromise and I
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17	(Off the record comments)
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I
19	would then call for a vote. All those in
20	favor of accepting the offer and compromise
21	say aye.
22	(Chorus of ayes)

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those

2 opposed?

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3 MEMBER JONES: Opposed.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those

5 abstaining? Then the motion passes with Mr.

6 Jones descending by a vote of 6 to 1 to 0.

7 The next case in which an offer and compromise

8 was presented to the Board for consideration

9 is Case Number 12-CMP-00680.

The proposed offer and compromise is a total of \$6,000, which includes a \$2,000 fine for Charge 1, a \$500 fine for Charge 2, a \$500 for Charge 3, Charge 4 would be dropped and a \$1,000 fine each for Charge 5 through Charge 7. And the fine would be paid within 30 days. I move that we deny the offer and compromise, do I have a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. Does anybody want to speak to this motion? I would say that, then the offer of the minimal charges seems a

Page 23 little too low for gravity of the offenses, as my reason. Okay. Mr. Silverstein?

MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I would agree with the Chair, based on the totality of the record of the licensee and the seriousness of the charges and the shown behavior of the licensee in this case that our obligation to the public as such that we cannot accept this.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any other comments? All right then, there's a motion to deny the offer and compromise that's been seconded, all those in favor of the motion say aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those opposed? All those abstaining? Motion passes 7-0-0 to deny.

And the third case in which an offer and compromise that we have to vote on is 13-251-00072. The proposed offer and compromise is a \$6,000 fine, which would be a \$2,000 fine for Charges 1, 2 and 5, Charges 3

Page 24 1 and 4 would be dropped and payment would also be within 30 days. 2 Based on the same reasoning that I 3 expressed for the previous case, I would, 4 given the gravity of the offenses and the 5 minimal amount of the fines, I would move to 6 deny. Do we have a second? 7 8 MEMBER BROOKS: Second. 9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Brooks 10 has seconded the motion. Any further 11 comments? Okay. All those in favor then of the motion say aye. 12 13 (Chorus of ayes) CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those 14 opposed? All those abstaining? The motion 15 16 passes 7-0-0. Okay. Madame Chair, if I 17 MS. PHILLIPS: might. According to the most recent notice I 18 have, Case Number 12-CMP-680 has been 19 rescheduled to be heard on the 19th 20 ***11:23:16, I'm sorry. 21 Case 680 has been rescheduled to 22

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1	be continued on March 19th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
2	Before this was set I have a hearing set
3	before a Department of Health Board on that
4	date and I will be unable to finish the
5	hearing on that date, so we need to get a new
6	date. And if we can consult with counsel and
7	the
8	MS. PHILLIPS: As of right now,
9	the District does not know of any conflicts.
10	I don't have everything in this phone though.
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. Okay.
12	MS. TODD: I need to get back. Is
13	this for 72?
14	MS. PHILLIPS: No, this is for
15	680.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 680.
17	MS. PHILLIPS: This is for 680.
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Does that
19	work for you, Ms. Todd?
20	MS. TODD: So this is moving 680
21	from February 19th to February 26th?
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

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1	MS. TODD: Okay. Yes, that works
2	fine.
3	MS. PHILLIPS: No, this is moving
4	680 from March 19th to February 26th.
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, okay.
6	MS. PHILLIPS: Isn't it? That's
7	what
8	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All I have
9	before me is the February 26th date.
10	MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, the hearings
11	that are set for February 19th will now only
12	be 72.
13	(Off the record comments)
14	MS. PHILLIPS: According to what I
15	have on this, my most recent notice about
16	cases.
17	(Off the record comments)
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What?
19	MEMBER ALBERTI: The two counsels
20	can consult with our general counsel and work
21	this all out.
22	MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, okay.

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1	(Off the record comments)			
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3	MS. PHILLIPS: No, this date is			
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, I			
5	MS. PHILLIPS: I'm not asking to			
6	have this date moved.			
7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.			
8	MS. PHILLIPS: I was just sort of			
9	correcting the record that was getting a			
10	little muddled.			
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So as of now,			
12	680 will be on February 26th at 1:30 p.m.,			
13	unless you contact our General Counsel that			
14	there's some problem.			
15	MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Madame			
16	Chair.			
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're good			
18	on that?			
19	(Off the record comments)			
20	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, you're			
21	good on that? Okay. And we're good on the			
22	other dates then, we're set?			

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1	MS. PHILLIPS: As far as I know.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Ms.
3	Todd?
4	MS. TODD: Yes.
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Well
6	thank you very much.
7	MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Board
8	Members. Happy New Years. I haven't seen any
9	of you. And welcome to the bench, the two new
10	Members.
11	(Off the record comments)
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
13	Happy New Year to you. Happy Valentine's Day.
14	All right, moving along now.
15	(Whereupon, at 11:26 a.m., the
16	show cause status hearing was adjourned.)
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